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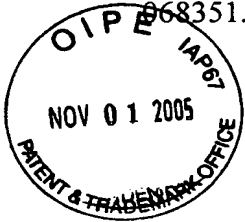
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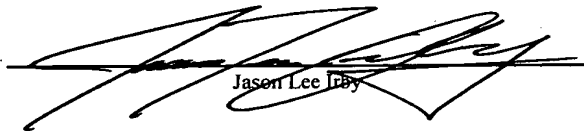


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mark B. Lyles  
Serial No.: 10/626,006  
Date Filed: July 24, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 1731  
Examiner: Mayes, Dionne Walls  
Title: **NUCLEIC ACID BASED FILTERS**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 1, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.